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EXAMINING GROUP 1761**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Jörg BERNARD <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1761
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Application No.: 10/088,602)	Examiner: L. Wong
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Filed: August 23, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 6889
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For: HARD CANDY WITH IMPROVED)	
STORAGE STABILITY)	

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed January 24, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. Applicants request entry of the Amendment because it places the application in condition for allowance, or it will reduce the number of issues for appeal. This reply is due by April 24, 2005, and is timely filed.